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PATENT APPLICATION SERIAL NO 09/676,380 ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 99-057

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group Art Unit 1646

In Re Application of :

SOLUBLE EPIDERMAL GROWTH FACTOR RECEPTOR-LIKE PROTEINS AND THEIR

ANDRE T. BARON, et al.

USES IN CANCER DETECTION METHODS

Serial No. 09/676,380

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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania January 28, 2004

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Box NON-FEE AMENDMENT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant requests a three-month extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action. The outstanding Action was mailed on 07/29/2003 and the period set for response was three (3) months, bringing the response due on 10/29/2003. Therefore, a three-month extension of time will bring the response due on January 29, 2004.

A check in the amount of \$475.00 is enclosed to cover the extension fee. An Amendment to the outstanding Office Action is filed concurrently herewith.

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 501317. Please refund any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 501317.

An original and two copies of this Petition are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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